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DRAINABLE FERRULE VALVE DESIGN

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

December 26, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated November 26, 2002, the following amendments, election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please add additional claims 20-27 as follows:

The valve according to claim 4, wherein said valve has an internal cavity with a sampling orifice located in a forward portion thereof, and a longitudinal axis of said orifice is offset from the axis of the internal bore of the ferrule.

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